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For: ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING SYSTEM MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO
DETACHABLY ATTACH EXPANSION UNIT HAVING EXTERNAL
EXPANSION FACILITY AND ADD EXPANSION FACILITY FOR
IMPROVING CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM

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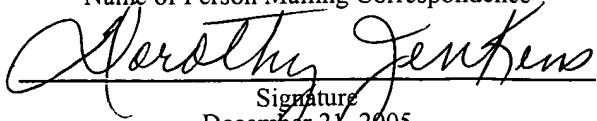
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